



**Item From Council
CITY OF AUSTIN
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

AGENDA ITEM NO.: 45
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Posting Language: Approve a resolution establishing the 'I-35 Makeover Steering Committee' as the official designated community stakeholder group for the I-35 Makeover project.

Proposed meeting date: THU 03/03/2005

Sponsor: Council Member Raul Alvarez

Co-sponsor 1: Council Member Brewster
McCracken

Co-sponsor 2:

Date by which the City Manager is requested to report back to Council:

Draft Resolution/Ordinance attached:



MEMORANDUM

TO: Toby Futrell, City Manager

FROM: Greg Canally, Acting Budget Officer *gdc*

DATE: January 25, 2005

SUBJECT:

Item # 48 on the January 27, 2005 Council Agenda is to approve a resolution establishing the 'I-35 Makeover Steering Committee' as the official designated community stakeholder group for the I-35 Makeover project. This item has no unanticipated fiscal impact. A budget amendment is not required.

RESOLUTION NO. 050127-

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

WHEREAS, it has been a stated goal of the City of Austin to remove economic and cultural barriers separating East and West Austin for many decades; and

WHEREAS, the area beneath and surrounding I-35 in downtown Austin are the most visible physical barrier between East and West Austin; and

WHEREAS, the areas beneath I-35 in downtown Austin are unattractive and an unpleasant environment for residents, business owners and visitor alike; and,

WHEREAS, the I-35 Makeover Coalition, a citizen group representing neighborhood and business interests, was formed to develop a plan for improvements to areas under I-35 in downtown Austin; and

WHEREAS, the I-35 Makeover Coalition will raise money for the planning component of the improvements; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition is working with the City staff in the development of a Request for Proposal for commercial parking lot operation and

management for the parking lots underneath I-35 between 6th and 8th Street; and

WHEREAS, the Coalition is committed to working with the parking operator and city staff to maximize the impact of the parking funds to be used for the project; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council recognizes the I-35 Makeover Coalition as the official stakeholder group in the I-35 Makeover project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT:

The City Council supports using the parking revenue from the I-35 parking lots to make improvements that are consistent with a city and state approved I-35 Makeover Plan.

ADOPTED: January 27, 2005

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Brown
City Clerk